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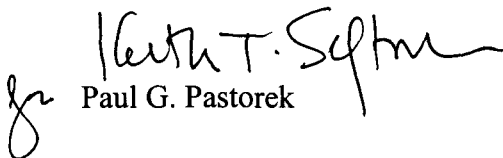
FROM: G/General Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Robert J. Collier Award Dinner, Hosted by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), on May 19, 2004

The NAA is hosting the annual Robert J. Collier Award Dinner on May 19, 2004, at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. I have determined it to be in the best interests of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

NAA is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide a forum to bring together all members of the aviation and aerospace community to share information of common interest. The NAA has supported aviation and aerospace programs in the Washington, D.C. area for more than one hundred years. Members of the NAA include members of Congress, the officials of the Department of Defense, Federal Aviation Administration, NASA, aviation and aerospace manufacturers, airline officials, the media, and others with an interest in aviation. The event will be widely attended by members of NAA and their guests. Tickets for the event cost approximately \$175 per person. Between 600 and 1,000 people are expected to attend the event, including NASA officials. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). NASA is greatly interested in aviation. I therefore conclude that NASA's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concern that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence NASA employees in the performance of their official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees and their spouses or guests may attend this event without charge.

  
Paul G. Pastorek